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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Official Action mailed September 28, 2004, please consider the included remarks establishing the patentability of the claims as recited in the above-identified patent application (the "Patent Application").